

Gauchos - Tartars Open Ball Season Friday

MARINE LEAGUE READY FOR EIGHT-WEEK SCHEDULE

By a score of 0 to 7, the Tartars lost their last pre-season practice game yesterday to Washington high's Generals. Clark and Smith was the battery for Washington with Winkler, Maupin and Ralph Gilbert working for Torrance. Washington got seven hits, Torrance, eight; the Generals made two errors and six were tagged on the Tartars.

Tomorrow afternoon on four high school diamonds the 1937 Marine League baseball season will get under way. Torrance will be host to Narbonne's Gauchos, San Pedro will play at Gardena, Riis will go to Leuzinger and Benning will play at Jordan. El Segundo's team, having drawn a bye date, will not begin its baseball campaign until next Friday afternoon.

All games will be seven inning encounters and will start at 8:15 o'clock. Coach Bernie Donahue said today that he intends to start either Merie Richardson or Elmer McGahan in the pitcher's box and use Ralph Gilbert as catcher.

Despite two more practice defeats the Tartars have yet to win a pre-season game. Donahue is still optimistic about his club's chances in the regular circuit. He expects to win over Narbonne but hazards no guess as to the score.

Generals Strongest Club
Last Friday the Tartars dropped a 12 to 4 decision to the Washington Generals in a return game. Glenn Maupin and Elmer McGahan alternated on the mound for the Tartars and presented the Generals with a total of 11 hits. Al Winkler served as backstop. Weaver, Washington's pitcher, allowed the Tartars seven hits. Five errors were chalked up against the Tartars and two for the Generals.

The Washington club is the strongest in the Los Angeles school system, according to Coach Donahue, being composed mainly of Leonard Wood Legion post players who went high in the junior baseball series sponsored by the ex-service men's organization last summer. Maupin gave evidence that he and Trezise will be the Tartars' strongest batsmen—the Oklahoma boy getting three hits and Trezise two.

Inglewood defeated the Tartars 7 to 4 in a practice game last Thursday. Richardson and McGahan pitched and were touched for eight collective hits, while Inglewood's Smith gave the Torrance club five bingles. Only two errors were marked up against the Inglewood squad while three were credited to Donahue's team.

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HATTERS TO MEET

Members who wish to remain in the Top Hat Club Recreation Center organization, should attend the meeting tonight. Plans will be made for a number of interesting future events.

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The Herald's Sport Page

Sport Shots

By Bob Lewellen

Torrance Tartar Nine, Not So Hot In Practice Games

For the past few weeks you have been reading in this column, and in other stories printed in the Torrance Herald that the local high school nine had good chances in coping the league baseball cup this year. The team has played three games to date (non-league), Inglewood, one time, and Washington two, losing all three of these tilts by large scores. It seems as though the local legs cannot find the ball either at the plate or in the field; the pitching has been poor (their weakest position) while the morale of the team seems to be way below par. In other words, it looks to a casual observer that every boy out for the team thinks that his position is a cinch, and therefore the team as a whole is not putting its best efforts into the game. It seems a pity that the moral condition has to enter into the team, when it has a splendid chance of coping another tilt for the school that it represents. The nine plays its first league tilt when Torrance enters its arch rival, Narbonne high of Lomita. It is reported that Headman Ben Comrada of the Gauchos has a great team again this year, as usual, and may put the Tartars out of the title running in their first game, providing the local boys don't find themselves before 3 o'clock tomorrow. A large crowd of followers of the horsehide game are planning to be present for the opening game of the season.

Did You Know That?

Egbert Merrill, assistant coach for the Torrance Tartars was one of the greatest ends that ever donned a football uniform on the local gridiron. "Bert" as he is called by his many friends was placed on the "All Time, All Torrance team" (first string) at right end, playing in '29, '30 and '31. He also starred in track during the same years, running the hurdles and on the relay teams. Bert's best event was in the high stakes, in which he held the school's record until last track season when Jack Piper finally bested Merrill's mark, the oldest varsity track record on the Tartars' books. After graduating from the local school, Bert attended U.C.L.A., starring in track for the Bruins. At the present time Bert Merrill is coaching "B" football, varsity basketball and varsity track at Torrance, the only person who ever graduated from the local school to return and teach.

Editors note—A series of articles will be published in this column from week to week, of (Continued on Page 8)

GRID GARB BANNED FOR SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE

A California Interscholastic Federation ruling having banned it, there will be no spring football training in regular grid suits this year. The C. I. F., has also limited such grid workouts to five weeks.

Coach Bernie Donahue explained the ruling this week with the comment that it was authorized not so much to relieve any "over-emphasis" on football in high schools as to cut down the expense of conducting the sport. When spring training was allowed with full equipment it meant that the school authorities had to pay two cleaning bills instead of one at the end of the regular season.

Another reason advanced by the local coach for the "no-suit" spring practice was that such a turn-out interfered with baseball and track interest and limited participants in those spring sports.

Gauchos Drop Game to Loyola, 10 to 6

The Gauchos' second practice baseball game of the season attracted great attention Friday, Feb. 12, when Narbonne played Loyola, losing by the score of 10 to 6.

Outstanding players on the Narbonne squad were Tommy Kineannon, Eugene Sullivan, Ed Glover, and Johnny Angelich, with Sullivan getting the best hits. Angelich pitched a good game.

LETTERMEN ELECT
Billy Moyle, who played on the Gaucho football team, was elected president of the Narbonne Lettermen's club for the new semester. Other officers are Dick Rider, vice-president; Yomo Hirata, secretary-treasurer; and Bill Merta and Charles Likens, sergeants-at-arms.

TO FORM TEAMS

All boys from nine years of age and up may enter the baseball league being organized by the Recreational Center, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. They will be divided according to age and height and every boy will be given a chance to play on a team.

TRY TOURNAY AGAIN

The oft-postponed marble tournament planned by the Recreation Center will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, weather permitting. Prizes are to be awarded and boys of all ages are eligible. They should be at the ball park at 12:45 o'clock.



Lengthy Ivor Nelson of Washington State (No. 12) is shown stretching Ed Voelker of the University of Washington (No. 14) in an exciting tip-off play in a recent Coast Conference game which the U. of W. won 25 to 40.

Narbonne Harriers Train for Race

The cross-country run, an annual event at Narbonne high, will be held the latter part of March if the weather permits. The first four years the run was staged, Floyd Carpenter walked off with first place each time. The following year first place honors went to Parker Stahnke. In 1935 Dick McMinn won the event, with Stahnke again walking off with top honors in 1936.

The 1936 race was probably the most exciting ever held at Narbonne, with George Peck setting the pace all the way until Stahnke came from behind in the home stretch. This year's race will find the competition more evenly balanced than in preceding years. It is expected that, owing to close competition, the meet will be run in record time.

Commodore



Miss Jane Greene, socialite who has been named "honorary commodore" for the 11th annual mid-winter regatta off Los Angeles Harbor Feb. 19 in which yachtsmen from all parts of the Pacific Coast will compete. Miss Greene is shown holding the trophy for 3-meter craft.

Tennis Linked to Track On THS Schedule

Tennis season at Torrance high school will start at the same time track swings into action, according to Coach Bernie Donahue this week. This is expected to be about the middle of April.

Prospective Torrance tracksters are getting the feel of the sod at the school playground with some light practice now.

Torrance won the Marine league tennis championship three years ago and last year finished third.

REVOLVER SCORES

Averages to Feb. 15			
	Strings	Avg.	H.S.
Stanger	13	268.58	274
Bennett	4	265.75	274
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Badminton and Tennis Club Forms For Games In Civic Auditorium

Sacramento Ball Club Training Period Curtailed

Members of the Sacramento Coast League baseball team, except pitchers and catchers, will get only three weeks' training this year before the season starts on April 3, Phil Bartelme, president of the club, announced.

Spring training for the club will start March 8 at the Riverside camp. The team will engage in exhibition contests during the second week of the pre-season workout.

Deer Herds Wage Desperate Fight

California's roving deer herds are staging one of the most desperate fights in years against the threat of starvation brought about by abnormal winter conditions.

With the assistance of the most extensive game feeding efforts undertaken in recent years by the state fish and game commission, they will survive, however, it was indicated.

Instead of combining the games with a business meeting Tuesday night, the newly-formed Torrance Badminton and Tennis club devoted the entire period to the shuttlecock sport at the Civic Auditorium. More than 30 players were present to use the courts. A business meeting of the officers and Rules and By-Laws committee will be held tonight at Dale Riley's home, 1751 Andros avenue, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Last Thursday night badminton enthusiasts gathered at the auditorium to revive the sport. At that time Howard Hudson was chosen president of the club, Mary Halg was named secretary and Parke Montague was elected treasurer. Members of the Rules and By-Laws committee are Hazel Clark, Carl Quayle, Irwin Snow and B. C. Jones.

The club is open to anyone interested in badminton, table tennis and games are played every Tuesday night at the Auditorium. There is no charge for use of the city-owned equipment.

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The so-called "English" walnut of California is not English, but Persian.

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